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## Message from the Principal

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**Vision:**  
*Engineering innovative thinkers for global success.*

**Mission:**  
*Provide a diverse and caring learning environment with highly qualified teachers, unique family and community partnerships, and distinct engineering curriculum.*

Hello Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already 1/4th of the way through the school year. It has been an amazing start to the year, and I am so glad to be back at Jamerson. Thursday, October 7th is the end of the first quarter. Teachers will enter grades and report card comments the following week, and report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, October 19th. Along with the report card, you will receive a letter explaining the MAP, or Measures of Academic Progress, assessment that all 1st – 5th grade students took in September as well as a copy of your child’s results.

Here are a few reminders for issues we have encountered the first nine weeks. We have many car rider children coming in tardy this year. Please remember that school starts at 8:45 am. Your child should be in their seat and ready to learn when the bell rings. When students are late, this can often cause stress for them as they are coming in and trying to get caught up. If your child wants breakfast, arriving prior to 8:30 gives them the additional time needed to eat. School dismisses at 2:55. Our car line is going much quicker now, and students should be picked up no later than 3:15.

We will have many upcoming events and we are continuing to work on getting volunteers to be able to designate a day each week for parents to join their child for lunch. I will give you an update once we have it all worked out.

Have a wonderful October!

*Heather Peters*  
 Principal

### Calendar of Events

- Oct. 1 Trailblazer Assembly
- Oct. 7 Individual Retake Day
- Oct. 7 End of First Quarter
- Oct. 8 Professional Development Day, School closed for students
- Oct. 12 PTA Board Meeting 6:00pm
- Oct. 15 Douglas L. Jamerson, Jr. Day, All Pro Families Breakfast
- Oct. 19 Magnet Program Advisory Board 4:15pm, SAC Meeting 6:00pm
- Oct. 19 Report Cards Distributed
- Oct. 20 Unity Day – Wear Orange
- Oct. 23 Mid County Magnet Information Fair (Largo HS 9:00- 11:00am)
- Oct 25 – 29 Red Ribbon/Safe Schools Week
- Oct. 26 South County Magnet Information Fair (Northeast HS 6:00- 7:30pm)
- Oct. 28 Howl-o-Fun/PTA General Meeting 5:00-7:00pm
- Oct. 28– Nov. 12 Canned Food Drive by PMAC
- Nov. 9 PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:00pm

### SCHOOL OPENING & DISMISSAL TIMES

**8:15 AM** Gates and classroom doors open  
 Breakfast served until 8:40 AM  
**8:45 AM** Classes begin  
**2:55 PM** Dismissal  
 Menus can be found online [www.pcsb.org/food](http://www.pcsb.org/food)  
 Meal applications can be found at [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)

#### Clothing Closet

The Clothing Closet, located in our front office, needs new or gently used clothing. Urgently needed are girls’ and boys’ shorts/pants in ALL sizes 4-16, as well as men’s size small.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

#### DROP-OFF and DISMISSAL PROCESS

The car circle must stay moving. Do not delay your scholar from exiting or entering the vehicle.

**Please, make sure your child knows, each day, where they’ll go for dismissal.**  
 (Ex: car/bus/aftercare van, YMCA, or staying after school for an activity)

**Please communicate with the Front Office if their usual dismissal plan changes, even if the change is just for one day.**

Let’s work together to keep our scholars safe by getting them to the right place, at the right time.

### SCHOLAR SAFETY and FRONT OFFICE PROCEDURES

**Please, do not leave scholars in the car circle prior to 8:15 AM as there is absolutely NO ADULT SUPERVISION before this time.**

School Board policy requires that schools provide supervision to scholars 30 minutes before the academic day begins and 30 minutes following the academic day.

**Our office closes at 3:30 p.m.** Leaving scholars before or after these times is unsafe. Thank you for partnering with us in keeping all scholars safe.

**Photo I.D. is REQUIRED to remove your scholar** from school between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 2:55p.m.

Please list all persons permitted to pick your scholar up in your PCS parent portal and on the front office Student Information Card.

**Early pick-ups must be made before 2:30 p.m.** to avoid the dismissal rush. Pick-ups after this time must be approved by the principal the day prior to early pick-up.

**Tardies, Early pick-ups and Absences** will only be recorded as excused once proper documentation is provided. (Ex: doctor’s note)

### Enterprise Village - November 3, 2021

Enterprise Village teaches 5th grade students about the free enterprise system. During their visit, each student actually "works" a designated job. They get "paid" for their work.

This is something you almost have to see to believe!  
We are in need of volunteers for this unique event.

Jamerson Volunteer contact: Laura Stees, Family and Community Liaison, steesl@pcsb.org

### Sprockets Stores

PBIS incentives began in September! Scholars can "cash in" their earned Sprockets at our various monthly Sprockets Stores.

Stores will be run by volunteers on our campus.

Want to volunteer at a Store?

Contact Laura Stees, Family & Community Liaison, steesl@pcsb.org



## BUS BULLETIN

Bus Bulletin sends parents bus updates straight from Pinellas County Schools.

Register online at [www.busbulletin.com](http://www.busbulletin.com).

Once you are registered you will add your student using their 10-digit student ID and birthday.

You can find their student ID in your Parent Focus account.

Once you have added your student(s), you will begin receiving text notifications about their bus.



## Howl-o-Fun!

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Games - Face painting - Crafts - Candy - Prizes, and Fun!**

Tickets will be sold on Thursday 10/28 only:

8:00-8:30 am, 2:15-3:00 pm, 4:45-6:30 pm

50¢ per ticket (20 / \$10 or 40 / \$20)

**Food Sales: Hot dogs (3 tickets) Water/Soda (2 tickets) Chips (1 ticket)**

*All proceeds will benefit Fifth Grade activities!*



### In the Art Studio...

Fifth Grade has completed their Tag Art projects for the Pinellas County Tax Collector, and I am one proud art teacher! A ceremony is planned for the new year.

The amazing ceramic tiles 3rd-5th graders completed are currently being installed onto the RISE 911 memorial sculpture only 4 blocks away.

Visit [www.risestepete.org](http://www.risestepete.org) for additional information.

### Red Ribbon Week - Drug Free Looks Like Me!

October 25<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup>

**Monday:** Red'y to be drug free- wear red day!

**Tuesday:** Write your own story- "I dream of a drug free world".

Receive your own "drug free" bookmark.

**Wednesday:** Don't let peer pressure get to your head- wear a hat day!

**Thursday:** Decorate your own "Instead of drugs, I can"... cell phone

**Friday:** Sock it to drugs- wear crazy socks day!

### Meet Our New Guidance Counselor!

My name is Kim Curran, and I'm so excited to join the Jamerson team as school counselor this year! I have served as an educator for 23 years as both a teacher and counselor and look forward to working with both you, and your children, to address any academic, behavioral, or emotional concerns.

I also provide individual, small group, and developmentally appropriate classroom guidance activities.

I strongly feel that extraordinary care and concern for each student is of utmost importance and welcome your valuable input.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 727-552-1703 ext. 2011, or currank@pcsb.org.

I appreciate your support, and let's make it a great year!



### Volunteer Clubhouse

Jamerson parents and family member volunteers have stepped up the plate already this year and reminded us of what FANTASTIC team players they are! Thanks for swinging for the fences!

Did you know that our amazing volunteers log a combined total of **10,000 hours** during a typical school year?! Their dedication plays an important role in the scholars' success at our school!

### REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you know, Jamerson has many fantastic events throughout the school year that our families love to participate in.

Without volunteers, though, most of them wouldn't be possible. Please, consider registering, as well as recruiting your family and friends.

We have opportunities for weekly volunteering in classrooms and for Sprockets Stores, as well as for special events on campus.

Being a registered Level 1 volunteer is required for these opportunities, however, a Level 2 status is preferred, and sometimes required.

**Submit your application at this link:** <https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwiresforms/volunteers/>

**Fifth Grade Parents:** Howl-o-Fun volunteers and Enterprise Village chaperones must be PCS registered Level 1 Volunteers.

USF Engineering Expo and Kennedy Space Center Chaperones must be PCS registered Level 2 Volunteers.

These events can not take place without your participation.

If you are not already registered, please, submit an online volunteer registration application now.

If you are currently a Level 1 volunteer, be sure to activate your Volunteer Profile. Upgrading your status to Level 2 is strongly recommended.

Volunteer questions? Contact Laura Stees, Family & Community Liaison at steesl@pcsb.org or 727-552-1703

### Pinellas County Schools' COVID Communications

**PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 have been updated to reflect the following:**

Schools shall allow parents or legal guardians the authority to choose how their child receives education after having direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19:

(a) Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 may choose one of the following options:

1. Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, so long as the student remains asymptomatic; or
2. Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.

(b) If a student becomes symptomatic follow in direct contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19, the procedures set forth in subsection (2), above shall apply Rulemaking Authority 1003.221(3) FS. Law Implemented 1003.221(3) FS. History-New.

This means it is essential that students are kept home if they have any symptoms. It is also vital that you communicate with us if your child has been exposed.

To see updated information on the district's Covid 19 protocols, please visit - <https://www.pcsb.org/covid19>

**Reminder from Nurse Betty: PLEASE send a reusable water bottle to school with your scholar every day.**

**Label it with their first initial and last name. Refills will be granted as needed. Staying hydrated is extra important in the heat!**